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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE By

Docket No. 95-154

CONSENT ORDER

In the Matter of:

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Respondent.

A market conduct examination was made of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, hereinafter referred to as "Respondent", by a Market Conduct Examiner for the Arizona Department of Insurance ("ADOI") covering the time period from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1994. Based upon the examination results, it is alleged that Respondent has violated the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 20, Section 20-442, and Arizona Administrative Code Rules ("A.A.C. R") 4-14-215 (now 20-6-215) and 4-14-801 (now 20-6-801). Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without formal adjudicative proceedings and hereby agrees to a Consent Order.

The Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona ("the Director") enters the following Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, which are neither admitted nor denied by Respondent, and the following Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is authorized to transact life and disability insurance as an insurer pursuant to a Certificate of Authority issued by the Director.
- 2. The Examiner was authorized by the Director to conduct a market conduct examination of Respondent and has prepared the

Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Respondent ("the Report").

- 3. Respondent paid 210 life claims during the time period covered by the examination. The Examiners reviewed 43 claims. Of these, Respondent failed to acknowledge the receipt of one (1) notice of claim within 10 working days of receipt and failed to accept or deny that one (1) claim within fifteen 15 working days after the receipt of properly executed proofs of loss.
- 4. Respondents replaced 130 life insurance policies which had been issued by other insurers. The examiners reviewed 38 replacement policies. Of these, Respondents failed to send Notices Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance to the existing insurers of 28 applicants within three (3) working days of the receipt of the applications.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent violated A.A.C. R4-14-801(E)(1) by failing to advise of claimant of receipt of a notification of claim within 10 working days.
- 2. Respondent violated A.A.C. R4-14-801(G)(1)(a) by failing to advise claimants a of the acceptance or denial of a claim within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of a properly executed proof of loss.
- 3. By failing to send Notices Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance to existing insurers within three (3) working days of receipt of applications, Respondent violated A.A.C. R4-14-215(F)(3)(c) and A.R.S. § 20-442.
- 4. Grounds exist for the entry of all provisions of the following Order.

ORDER

Respondent having admitted the jurisdiction of the Director to enter the Order set forth herein, having waived the Notice of Hearing and the hearing, having waived any and all rights to appeal this Order, and having consented to the entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, and there being no just reason for delay:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent and its agents shall cease and desist from failing to send Notices Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance to existing insurers within three (3) working days of receipt of applications.
- 2. Respondent shall develop a written action plan to monitor and ensure that its agents and personnel send Notices Regarding Replacement of Life Insurance to existing insurers within three (3) working days of receipt of applications for life insurance in accordance with A.A.C.R20-6-215 (formerly A.A.C.R4-14-215). Respondent shall submit copies of the action plan, including copies of any memoranda to be sent to its agents or personnel, to the ADOI for approval within thirty (30) days of the filed date of this Order.
- 3. The ADOI shall be permitted, through an authorized representative, to verify that Respondent has complied with all provisions of this Order, and the Director may separately order Respondent to comply.
- 4. Respondent shall pay TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) as a civil penalty to the Director for remission to the State Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund in accordance

with A.R.S. § 20-220(B). Said civil penalty shall be provided to the Market Conduct Examinations Division of the ADOI on or before June 19, 1995.

5. The Report of Market Conduct Examination as of July 22, 1994, to include the response to the Report submitted by Respondent, shall be filed with the ADOI.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona this 17th day of July, 1995.

Chris Herstam
Director of Insurance

CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. Respondent, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, has reviewed the foregoing Order.
- 2. Respondent is aware of its right to a hearing at which hearing Respondent may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent has irrevocably waived its right to such public hearing and to any court appeals relating thereto.
- 3. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and consents to the entry of this Order.
- 4. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever was made to induce it to enter into this Order and that it has entered into this Order voluntarily.
- 5. Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, is solely for the purpose of settling this litigation against it and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or subdivision thereof from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 6. Thomas Scott Beautiston represents that as

 Vice PRESIDENT he is an officer of Pacific Mutual

 Life Insurance Company, and that as such, he has been authorized

 by it to enter into this Order for and on its behalf.

 $\frac{6-16-95}{\text{(Date)}} \stackrel{<}{=} \frac{<}{\text{PAC}}$

PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

1 COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 17th July 2 day of , 1995, to: Charles R. Cohen 3 Deputy Director Gregory Y. Harris 4 Executive Assistant Director Lewis D. Kowal 5 Chief Administrative Law Judge Erin H. Klug 6 Executive Assistant to the Director Jimmy R. Potts 7 Examinations Coordinator Market Conduct Examinations Division 8 Saul R. Saulson Examinations Supervisor 9 Market Conduct Examinations Division Mary Butterfield 10 Assistant Director Life and Health Division 11 Deloris E. Williamson Assistant Director 12 Rates & Regulations Division Gary Torticill 13 Assistant Director and Chief Financial Examiner Corporate & Financial Affairs Division 14 Cathy O'Neil Assistant Director 15 Consumer Services and Investigations 16 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 17 Phoenix, AZ 85018 18 Joseph P. Ruiz, C.P.A. Vice President, Corporate Audit and Risk Management 19 Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company 700 Newport Center Drive 20 Newport Beach, California 92660 21 22 23 24 25

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